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For: **LACTONES OF CARBOXYLIC ACID POLYSACCHARIDES AND METHODS  
FOR FORMING CONJUGATES THEREOF**

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**SUBMISSION WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**  
**Under 37 CFR 1.114**

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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Sir or Madam:

This Submission is submitted as part of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-referenced patent application, and consists of an Amendment and Response to a Final Office Action mailed October 20, 2005, with a shortened statutory period for responding set to expire January 20, 2005. This RCE Submission was originally filed

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on February 18, 2005, with an accompanying Petition requesting an extension of time in which to reply, which would extend the period for response to February 20, 2005; therefore, upon granting of the Petition, this RCE and Submission were timely filed.

However, the submitted Amendments were considered non-compliant, as explained in an Office Action mailed on March 2, 2005, on the bases that each claim has not been provided with the proper status identifier and that the status identifier for Claim 9 was incorrect. The Applicants were given one month to supply the corrected section which complies with 37 CFR 1.121.

The Applicants are submitting this corrected RCE Submission, in which the proper status identifier of each claim is presented and the status identifier for Claim 9 corrected to "Previously Presented," along with two copies each of the original Request for Continued Examination and the original Petition for extension of time; this RCE Submission is therefore in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121. Moreover, this corrected RCE Submission is filed on March 22, 2005, and is therefore timely filed, and no further fees are believed to be due with this RCE Submission. However, if necessary, please charge any additional fees due, including any fees necessary for extensions of time, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 032634.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this Submission.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this Submission.

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